

COLOSSAL FRAUD.

Gigantic Swindle Meant to Rake in \$7,500,000.

John C. Beatty of Texas in a Fair Way

TO REAP THAT MUCH.

His Scheme Punctured Just in Time.

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—According to allegations contained in a complaint filed in the United States circuit court, Judge Lacombe will be called upon to-day to take action with the object of preventing the continuation and final consummation of what is characterized as the most colossal fraud in modern times. The chief actor in this scheme is John C. Beatty, an American, at present residing in Texas. His victims include prominent New Yorkers and other residents of the United States and Canada. How far the scheme has succeeded has not yet been determined, but one victim, James H. Beatty, president of the German and Northwest insurance company of Ontario, Canada, and of the Federal life insurance company of Hamilton, Ont., swears he has lost \$37,500, and it is charged that the goal of John C. Beatty's ambition was to fraudulently obtain possession of \$7,500,000. The complainants in the case in addition to James H. Beatty are James C. Alkema, Benjamin H. Dodge and Leo Wormser of New York. The defendants are Frank A. Miller, Charles H. Dow, Samuel N. Wood, Finis P. Earnest, Frank Church, J. H. Brown, Chas. W. Kittredge, James W. Carlisle, Thomas J. O'Donnell of California, and John C. Beatty of Texas, all directors or trustees of the Colorado River Irrigation company.

The company was first organized on January 7, 1892, under the name of the Arizona and Sonora Land and Irrigation company, but the title was changed on January 9, 1893, to its present form. Its ostensible object was to carry on the irrigation of land in California, Arizona, Lower California and Mexico. Its capital stock was \$7,500,000, divided into 150,000 shares of \$50 each.

According to the complaint, however, the company was organized by John C. Beatty for his sole interest and benefit, and to enable him to realize \$7,500,000 on a tract of worthless land containing 1,500,000 acres on the Altar river in the province of Sonora, Mexico, to which, it is said, he did not even have a title. Having organized the company and obtained the issue of capital stock by alleged fraud and fictitious statements, it is charged, John C. Beatty went about negotiating with the object of transferring the land to the company for the whole of its capital stock, of \$7,500,000. The land formed part of what is known in Mexico as the Jecher concession, the meaning of which is not explained in the complaint, but it is charged that John C. Beatty had no title to it.

The board of directors, it is charged, were then, as now, the mere tools and creatures of John C. Beatty, ready and willing at all times to carry out his behests. The president of the board was Charles H. Dow, and by a vote of the majority it was agreed to transfer 250,000 shares of the stock to John C. Beatty for \$7,500,000 as soon as it was possible to carry out the transfer. The directors being Mr. Beatty's factotums, made no effort to investigate either the character of the land or the genuineness of Mr. Beatty's title to it.

To further facilitate matters, Mr. Beatty's board of directors decided to appoint him manager with exclusive control of the affairs of the company, at a salary of \$6,000, while Frank A. Miller, concerned with Beatty, was elected vice president of the company and also given a salary of \$6,000 a year, both of which transactions are charged to be illegal. The first actual transfer of stock was made on January 10 by the board of directors, when 54,000 shares were transferred to John C. Beatty on the basis of 500 acres of land, or one share for ten acres. John C. Beatty himself presided at this meeting, and against the protests of James H. Beatty, a shareholder, it was agreed to issue 56,000 shares of new stock.

The known assets of the company did not exceed \$40,000. It had no bank account since last October, and was obliged to give up its office at 60 Broad street, this city, last July, for non-payment of rent. Its offices in Philadelphia, Washington, Denver and other cities had previously been given up, after the country for miles around had been flooded with prospectuses and pamphlets declaring the land an Eldorado. The only place where the company now has an office is in Providence, R. I.

At the present time it is impossible to ascertain how much money has been paid into the company, but all that has been paid, it is declared, has gone into the pockets of John C. Beatty. By an international agreement the waters of the Colorado river, except under certain conditions, can not be used for purposes of irrigation.

Oklahoma Divorce Decision.

PERRY, Ok., Sept. 11.—Much excitement exists here over the decision of the supreme court of Oklahoma, annulling all divorces granted by probate judges since August 13, 1893. There has been more than 100 divorces granted here. Among the number is that of William M. Bowles from Octavia Bowles of Vienna, Mo. Mr. Bowles is now city attorney of Perry. Under the decision many persons are liable to prosecution for bigamy, having married again.

Vermont Election Returns.

RUTLAND, Vt., Sept. 11.—Returns from all towns in the state show the Republican majority to be 27,310, and the plurality 28,314. Official returns will change these figures very little.

The Daily State Journal prints all the news.

THE NEW TARIFF LAW.

Secretary Carlisle Makes a Baiting on Section Nine.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—Secretary Carlisle yesterday addressed the following letter to Commissioner of Internal Revenue Miller:

"I have received your letter of the 5th instant, in which you inclose a telegram from Collector Wellborn of San Francisco, requesting to be informed whether section 9 of the new tariff act prohibits the dilution or mixture of distilled spirits in bonded manufacturing houses, or only the manufacture of distilled spirits from such dilutions or mixtures. In reply you are informed the department holds that the purpose of the paragraph is the exclusion of the manufacture of alcohol of any form in bonded warehouses. No original alcohol can be produced by any process under such bonds. The mixture of distilled spirits and the use of the same as component materials of articles manufactured in bonded warehouses are not prohibited, but such spirits must be introduced into the bonded warehouses and not created therein."

THE CROP REPORT.

Condition of Corn 63.4 Per Cent Against 69.1 a Month Ago.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—The August government report, issued this afternoon, made the condition of corn 63.4 per cent against 69.1 a month ago and 75.1 at harvest in 1893.

The condition of corn in the principal states is: Kansas 45, Nebraska 15, Iowa 40, Missouri 30, Ohio 70, Indiana 85, Illinois 75, Wisconsin 81. The condition of the entire wheat area is 83.7. The August condition of spring wheat was 67.1, the July condition of winter wheat 83.9. No report on winter wheat was made in August. The condition of the entire crop in September 1893 was 74 per cent.

The condition of wheat in the principal states is: Michigan, 91; Indiana, 103, Illinois 101, Kansas 58, Nebraska 40, Missouri 61, Minnesota 84, South Dakota 32, North Dakota 74, California 88, Oregon 89, Washington 97, Tennessee 78, Kentucky 92, Texas 92.

Car Shop Committee at Lawrence.

LAWRENCE, Kan., Sept. 11.—The committee sent to Kansas to find a location for co-operative car shops to be established somewhere in the state, arrived here last evening. The committee consists of Levi Myers, W. Wellman and C. O. Allen. The latter is the owner of valuable patents for sleeping cars, and it is for the manufacture of these that a location is sought. The gentlemen will look the situation over here and see what the citizens have to offer.

Duty on Lead Ores.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—The new tariff act contained a proviso that the rate of duty under the McKinley act should be imposed on lead ore or lead dross or silver ores containing lead when imported from countries imposing an export duty thereon. The treasury department, in a circular states that Italy and Spain are the only countries affected. Japan, however, is also affected by a subsequent proviso relating to the duty on pig lead.

Charged With Violating Postal Laws.

St. JOSEPH, Mo., Sept. 11.—Mrs. Susan A. Eddy, living in this city, was arrested last evening on a warrant sworn out by Mrs. Kate Godbey, charging her with intercepting and opening her mail. She was arraigned before United States Commissioner Pollock and her hearing set for this evening. Mrs. Eddy has four children ranging from 6 to 21 years. Her husband is at the Soldiers' home at Leavenworth.

An Anti-Vaccination League.

CHICAGO, Sept. 11.—A number of Chicagoans under the leadership of M. H. Gartland of Englewood have formed the Chicago anti-compulsory vaccination league, which proposes to oppose with all its might the custom of vaccination. Compulsory vaccination will be the immediate object against which the organization will direct a crusade.

A Diamond Nipper Nipped.

St. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 11.—James Bryant, alias J. C. Borton, with several other names, has been arrested here for diamond nipping. He is said to be one of the most expert thieves in this line in the country.

Big Fire in Minneapolis.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Sept. 11.—At 1 o'clock this morning the old city market on Bridge square, a landmark of the city, is in flames and will be a total loss.

The steamer Haytiense Republic, which was held in libel by Uncle Sam over a year ago for smuggling, has been sold at Portland for \$15,000.

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State Officials of Mississippi to Be Arrested.

Charged With Violating United States Statutes,

IN ISSUING \$200,000

Of Mississippi Special Warrants in Imitation of Money.

JACKSON, Miss., Sept. 11.—Warrants were yesterday sworn out for the arrest of the following state officers of Mississippi:

J. M. Stone, governor; W. W. Stone, auditor; and J. J. Evans, state treasurer. William J. Burns, special agent of the secret service bureau at Washington, who has been here for the past two months on the special warrant case, has made affidavit before Commissioner L. B. Mosely, charging them with violating section 5,430 of the revised statutes of the United States in issuing \$200,000 Mississippi special warrants, charged to be in the similitude of United States currency. The warrant was placed in the hands of United States Marshal J. McNeely.

Auditor Stone appeared before the commissioner and entered into personal recognizance for \$1,000 for his appearance at the November term of the circuit court, waiving examination each of the three denominations of warrants with a photograph print of both the front and back of the same. These charges allege that on the 15th day of June, 1894, the aforesaid mentioned state officials did unlawfully and feloniously at Jackson, Miss., and not by direction of any proper officer of the United States, print, photograph, make and caused to be printed, photographs, prints or impressions of the likeness of national bank currency of said United States.

The state officials have been expecting these proceedings for several days and were not surprised when they appeared when served. They appeared not at all disturbed and are sanguine of the successful termination of the issue.

The first demand made by the United States government was a few days ago, when Special Officer Burnes demanded the canceled plates from which the warrants were printed. His demand was refused. He wired the result to Washington and received instructions to swear out warrants for the arrest of the officials.

Governor Stone was seen, and said the state officials had no purpose to violate any United States law, and that he did not believe that such law had been violated; that the matter was now to come before a court for which he had the greatest respect and in which he had the utmost confidence. He did not, therefore, care to publicly discuss the matter. United States Senators G. Z. George and A. J. McLaughlin and ex-Chief Justice J. A. P. Campbell have been retained by the state officials to defend them.

MAINE ELECTION.

Republicans Carry the State by the Largest Majority in Its History.

AUGUSTA, Me., Sept. 11.—Returns from over 100 cities and towns indicate that the state has re-elected Governor Cleveland (Republican) over Charles F. Johnson (Democrat) by a majority which will exceed 47,000, the largest in the history of the party. The Republicans have carried every county in the state and it is estimated that the legislature will have a working Republican majority of 135, which insures the re-election of Senator William P. Frye. Thomas B. Reed has been re-elected to congress by a plurality estimated at 10,000. Nelson Dingley, Seth H. Milligan and H. Boutelle are also re-elected to congress by majorities ranging from 6,000 to 9,000. The total vote will probably exceed 110,000.

COMPTROLLER'S REPORT.

A Very Large Increase Shown in the Volume of Business Transacted.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—The annual report of the comptroller of the currency was made public yesterday. It is a record of the work of the comptroller's office, and shows the total number of accounts, claims and cases settled during the fiscal year ending June 30 last was 33,465, involving \$280,602,002. By comparing the work of this office for the past three fiscal years, an increase in volume of business since 1891, in round numbers, of \$104,000,000 is shown, with an increase in the last fiscal year of \$4,000,000.

Short in Her Accounts.

OTTAWA, Kan., Sept. 11.—Mrs. Z. T. Clayton, formerly Mrs. Waller, and administratrix of the estate of her late husband, Waller, was arrested yesterday afternoon at the instance of her bondsmen as she was taking the train for Chicago to join her husband. It was found on examination in her accounts Saturday, and she was arrested, but promised to pay up yesterday. She did not do so and was at the depot when arrested, the second time. Her action is a surprise to all who know her.

Ground to Pieces by a Train.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Sept. 10.—Mrs. Eleanor Scott, 70 years old, of Maryville, Mo., accidentally stepped from the vestibule of an incoming train and was ground to pieces. It was her daughter's bridal tour and the party was coming to this city to see the encampment and visit relatives.

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TOO MUCH WATER.

Western Kansas Inflicted With Cleft Soakers and Gully Washers.

GARDEN CITY, Kan., Sept. 11.—Western Kansas is groaning under the unusual affliction of muddy roads and too much water. Heavy rains have fallen at intervals the past week throughout this region and the ground is thoroughly soaked. As a result a very largely increased acreage of wheat will be sown. The moisture in the ground is believed to be sufficient to start the crop and carry it until spring rains set in, judging from past experiences.

GUTHRIE, Ok., Sept. 11.—A heavy rain fell here last night and to-day, putting an end to the drought and causing the temperature to fall nearly fifty degrees. Six miles north of here, at Lawrie, a cloudburst did a great amount of damage, washing out the railroad track and carrying away a frame church. Much other damage is reported further north.

BRIEFS BY WIRE.

To a family at New Orleans has been born a babe weighing only nine ounces.

The search for the missing Dr. Conkling at Stone Lake, Ind., has been given up.

Ed. Shuey of Logansport, Ind., eloped with his sweetheart and took his mother along.

The steamer Auraria will take out 50,000 ounces of silver and 40,000 Mexican dollars.

An anti-crime vigilance committee has been organized in the Sand Hills country of Nebraska.

Secretary J. Sterling Morton is being talked of as a Democratic candidate senator from Nebraska.

Professor Heinrich Karl Brugsen, the distinguished philologist and Egyptologist, is dead, aged 68 years. A dispatch from Genoa announces the death in that city of Baron Erlanger, the well known German banker.

It is said that Japan has agreed upon \$750,000 as the sum sufficient to pay for blowing up the Kow-Shing.

In an attempt to wreck a saloon at Elmwood, Ind., the barkeeper, James McDermott, shot and killed one man and wounded another.

In Piedmont, Ala., two members of the family of Ed S. Downs have died from drinking water out of a poisoned well, while two more are not expected to recover.

In New Bedford, Mass., the City mills have started up at the old rate of wages. About 250 operatives resumed work. There is no other change in the strike situation.

Emma Ammann, the common-law wife of Billy Plimmer, the champion bantam weight pugilist, committed suicide at the Coney Island hotel.

Colonel W. E. Haynes has declined the nomination for congress from the Thirtieth Ohio district, tendered him by the Democratic convention held at Sandusky September 4.

Link Waggoner a noted desperado of North Louisiana and Eastern Texas, was shot to death in the parish jail at Minden, La., by a mob. Innumerable murders are laid at his door.

Forest fires are raging in Morrison and the northern part of Benton counties, Minnesota. Much timber is being destroyed, and large crews of men are fighting to protect the lumber interests.

In Pittsburgh, Pa., the Prison Warden's association of the United States is in session, with wardens from all the prominent penal institutions in the country in attendance. Prison discipline was the principal topic of discussion.

An explosion of gas occurred in No. 4 slope of the Pennsylvania Coal company at Pittston, Pa. One hundred miners at work had a narrow escape. All got out, however, with the exception of Superintendent Bryden.

The pope is said to have expressed a wish to arrange the troubles between China and Japan, but was prevented by France, who feared that the intervention of the church would undo the work France was carrying on in the East.

The disaster to the Paris and Cologne express train at Apilly between Noyon and Chauny Sunday was more serious than at first supposed. From 40 to 60 were killed or injured. Twelve dead bodies have been taken from the wreck.

In Chicago Colonel Thomas Jefferson Dolan, the well-known Democratic politician, was found wandering about the streets in a dazed condition, and was taken into custody by the police. Dolan had forgotten his own name, and will be examined by the insane court.

The New York Constitutional convention, in committee of the whole, adopted a resolution changing the term of governor and lieutenant governor from three years to two years, and providing that in all cases the state engineer shall be a practical civil engineer.

In Newark, N. J., 500 cloakmakers belonging to the order of United Garment Makers of America quit work, and twenty-two shops were compelled to close. The men assert that they are compelled to work eighteen hours a day, and the strike is to secure a reduction to ten hours.

The American Society of Irrigation Engineers is holding its second annual convention in Denver. The following officers have been elected: President, James P. Maxwell; vice president, E. M. Boggs; secretary and treasurer, John S. Titcomb; directors, G. W. Anderson, Samuel Fortier and James D. Schuyler.

Ex-Governor Zulle of Arizona is in Washington, and has written a letter to the president vigorously opposing the removal of Chief Geronimo and his Apaches from Mount Vernon Barracks in Alabama, where they are now confined, to their former reservation in Arizona.

Just as the congregation was leaving the Mount Pleasant church at Foxtown, Ky., William Sixsmith stepped up to the organist, Mrs. Jones, and fired two shots at her from a pistol. Only one bullet struck her, but her corset stays saved her life and she was only badly frightened. Sixsmith escaped. No cause is known for the attempted murder.

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